

Oahu Sugar, Waipio Peninsula, Pearl Harbor Naval Complex

Hawai'i DOH conducted a PA/SI for the Site in 1997. A letter sent to the DON in 1998 stated that dioxin was found in soil samples up to 1,530 ppb TEQ. DOH requested the DON take action to prevent potential exposure.

On January 27, 1998, DOH issued an Administrative Order for Response Action (Order No. CH 98-001) for remediation of the Site to Oahu Sugar.

A preliminary RI was conducted at the Site in response to DOH Administrative Order Number CH 98-001 by BES (BES, 2002) on behalf of the Oahu Sugar Company. During the RI, samples of soil and groundwater were collected for analysis. The samples were analyzed for dioxin/furans, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), organochlorine (OC) pesticides, metals, and chlorinated herbicides, although not all analytes were run for all the samples collected. The RI report focused on a comparison of the data with industrial screening levels. Contaminants exceeded industrial screening levels in both soil and groundwater (BES, 2002).

Navy sent a CERCLA Section 104(e) letter on May 19, 2003 asking for access to documents relevant to environmental restoration efforts at the former Oahu Sugar site.

On October 1, 2003 EPA requests the Navy and OSCO advise EPA whether individually or together intend to abate the imminent and substantial endangerment at the site.

EPA, DOH, Navy and Oahu Sugar met on 2 October 2003 to review options to abate the site. Oahu Sugar agrees to examine options but does not commit to action citing costs.

EPA sends a letter on November 25, 2003 to the Navy and Oahu Sugar to take action to expeditiously implement a response action. Oahu Sugar replies on January 23, 2004 they are unable to respond due to cost.

EPA sends a Section 104(e) letter to Oahu Sugar on January 9, 2004. EPA received a reply from Goodsill, Anderson, Quinn & Stifel, lawyers for OS on 13 Feb 04. EPA determined the OS reply was insufficient information to determine the viability of the company.

On August 31, 2004 EPA forwarded an AOC to Oahu Sugar's legal counsel. In response to Oahu Sugar requests for an extension to the deadline to negotiate liability issues with the Navy. EPA withdraws the AOC on 15 October 2004.

Brewer Environmental, a contractor for Oahu Sugar submits a work plan in response to EPA's letter of August 31, 2004 request abatement of the site. The work plan is not complete due to outstanding legal issues.